Seven child labour law violators booked during crackdown

TAXILA: The district administration of Attock has intensified its crackdown on child labour, registering seven First Information Reports (FIRs) in recent weeks during inspections carried out across markets and industrial workshops, official data revealed on Friday.

According to Labour Welfare Department records, the crackdown is part of the provincial government's renewed drive to eliminate child exploitation and ensure that minors remain in school rather than in hazardous workplaces.

Officials said the campaign has been launched under the directives of Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, who has instructed all districts to "ensure zero tolerance" for underage labour.

A joint team comprising officers from the Labour Welfare Department, Assistant Commissioner (AC) Attock Anza Abbasi, and the Early Morning School Programme administration inspected auto workshops, tyre-repair points, small industrial units and commercial centres across the district.

"Employing children below the age of 15 is strictly illegal and punishable under labour laws," AC Anza Abbasi told newsmen. She said the teams warned business owners that the government would not hesitate to take legal action against violators.

"We have made it clear that under no circumstances can children be engaged in hazardous, risky or heavy work. Enforcement will be uncompromising," she added.

Officials said that while children under 15 cannot be employed under any condition, assigning hazardous tasks to adolescents aged 15 to 18 years is also a serious offence. The assistant director of Labour Welfare Attock, said the department is committed to strict enforcement. "Assigning hazardous, risky or heavy work to children aged 15 to 18 is equally punishable," he told newsmen. "Immediate action will be taken against any such violation, and our inspections will continue without pause." Labour officers confirmed that the seven FIRs were registered after minors were found performing dangerous mechanical, welding and industrial tasks that pose high safety risks.

Data from labour and health departments highlight the profound impact of child labour on affected children, including respiratory issues due to continued exposure to fumes and dust, musculoskeletal problems from heavy lifting, psychological stress from workplace pressure, injuries and burns and educational loss leading to long-term social and economic disadvantage.

Most children identified during inspections had dropped out of school due to financial pressures on their families. "Child labour deprives children of education, destroys their childhood and exposes them to lifelong health problems," said a senior Labour Welfare officer.

"We are duty-bound to protect them, and enforcement will only intensify."

In an attempt to balance economic realities with education, the provincial government has introduced a two-hour Early Morning School system for working children above 15. — Amjad Iqbal

CDA's Engineering Wing on NAB radar for alleged wrongdoing

Ready to provide all required information and necessary cooperation to NAB, says CDA spokesperson

By Kashif Abbasi

ISLAMABAD: The Engineering Wing of Capital Development Authority (CDA) has come under the radar of the National Accountability Bureau (NAB).

The accountability watchdog has started a probe against the Maintenance Division-III, which deals with government buildings, for alleged wrongdoing in the award of contracts worth millions of rupees.

NAB in an official letter had sought complete record of 22 projects of CDA. "NAB Rawalpindi is conducting the subject inquiry on the allegations of corruption, misuse of authority and procurement violations…It is requested to provide summary of following information regarding contracts worth Rs two million and above awarded by Maintenance Division-III CDA in the last two years i.e June 2023 to June 2025," read the letter of NAB.

The accountability watchdog directed the CDA to provide details of the advertisement, record of bids received, call deposit receipts of contractors, comparative statement, acceptance letter/work orders and payments.

Sources said that there were serious allegations of procedural flaws in a number of contracts awarded by the division of the CDA, including allegations of ignoring lowest bidders.

"In case wrongdoing is established, strict disciplinary action will be taken against all those involved," said an official source.

The projects, whose record was sought by NAB, included repair and maintenance work of Q block of Pak Secretariat, repair work of Federal Shariat Court, repair work of Wafaqi Mohtasab Secretariat, repair works of three houses in the ministers' enclave, renovation of and civil work of Visa Centre, supplying and fixing of electric curtains, electric roller blinds and check blinds of the Chief Justice Chamber of Islamabad High Court building, imported paper on existing glass at judges chambers and courtrooms area of the IHC building, supply of janitorial material at Pak China Friendship Centre and Jinnah Convention Centre, and providing and fixing of floor tiles in C block of Pak Secretariat.

"Yes, NAB has started probe in question. I think this is very simple case to reach the truth. There is need to check all bid rates quoted by construction firms and rate of those firm which were awarded the contracts. There is also need to check, when work order was issued and when payments were made. If any wrong doing is established, then strict action should be taken against all those involved," said an official of CDA, who requested not to be named, as he was not authorized to speak on the record.

He said that things will be clearer after the probe, but wrongingdoing and corruption cannot be ruled out.

It is relevant to note that aimed at bringing an improvement in its various wings, the CDA recently removed 85 officials.

The CDA said the action was taken because of three major reasons: either there were inquiries against the officials, they had tainted reputation, or they displayed lethargic approach to their official duties.

Interestingly, in the "operation cleanup" CDA also removed few officers who had good reputation and there was no inquiry against them. Some of them were already sidelined and serving on low profile seats for the last two years and so.

On the other hand, some officers, who have been facing inquires or have questionable reputation, were still enjoying lucrative posts. However, the CDA management said that in the second round, more officials with tainted reputation will be removed. However, that action is still awaited.

"There is also need to check track record of all officials of CDA as some officials are fond of serving at certain directorates and whenever they were removed, they made resounding comeback," said an official. "Until and unless such officials are not removed, the required results of operation cleanup can't be achieved."

When contacted for an official version on the NAB letter, CDA spokesperson Shahid Kiani said: "Our efforts are already underway to uphold the highest standards of governance and accountability. We welcome this probe and will provide all required information and necessary cooperation to the NAB. Furthermore, we are committed to taking all necessary actions based on the findings and outcome of the inquiry."

To a query about the recent 'operation cleanup' in which 85 officials were removed, he said: "CDA has taken the action keeping in view its strict zero-tolerance policy towards corruption as well as inefficiency. A comprehensive review of officers' performance is still going on. The action against those with reputational concerns and efficiency will be taken in future as well."

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IN THE BANKING COURT NO. III, AT KARACHI
Block-50- Pakistan Secretariat, near Passport Office Saddar, Karachi
SUIT NO. 211 OF 2025

M/S BANK ALFALAH LIMITED, Having it's registered head office at B.A. Building# 01, I.I. Chundrigar Road, Karachi,Through it's duly constituted Attorney.....**PLAINTIFF**

VERSUS

MUHAMMAD DANIYAL KHAN S/o. **HABIBULLAH KHAN.** Resident of house/plot No. 118, Drigh Road Colony, Commercial Area, Drigh Road Colony, Shamma Shopping Centre, Karachi, Cell No.0312-1158316,

Second address (as per CNIC)

1/19-A, Commercial plot, Shah Faisal Colony, Karachi.....**DEFENDANT**

To, The above named Defendant

Whereas the Plaintiff above named has instituted a Suit against you under the Financial Institutions (Recovery of Finances) Ordinance 2001 **RS 262,201.14 UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE** 2001, balance of principle and markup due to you ; you are therefore hereby summoned to obtain leave from the Court within 30 days from the service hereof to appear and defend the suit, and within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you. In default whereof the plaintiff will be entitled at any time after the expiration of such 30 days to obtain a decree for any sum not exceeding the sum of **RS 262,201.14** and sum of Rs.(Not Yet determined) for costs together with such markup and cost of fund, if any, from the date of institution of the suit as the Court may order.

Leave to appear may be obtained on an application to the Court supported by affidavit or declaration showing that there is a defence to the suit on the merits, or that it is reasonable that you should be allowed to appear in the suit .

Matter is fixed on 15th day of January 2026 at 9:00 A.M before the Banking Court-III, Karachi, Given under my hand and seal of the court this 10th Day of NOVEMBER 2025.

BY ORDER
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VERSUS

TAHIR IQBAL S/O MUHAMMAD ASLAM, CNIC No. 42101-0224656-5, resident of house No. B-151, block-9, PIA Hosing Society,Gate No. 3, near POB Hospital, Karachi, **AND**
House No. C-199/34/1, block-14, Gulistan-e-Johar, Karachi. **And**
House No. A-96, block-C, North Nazimabad, Karachi.

Office add:
AA Chakki Atta.,C-47, Gulistan-e-Johar, block-12, near POB Hospital, Karachi...**DEFENDANT**

To, The above named Defendant

Whereas the Plaintiff above named has instituted a Suit against you under the Financial Institutions (Recovery of Finances) Ordinance 2001 **RS 393,302.67 ALONG WITH SERVICE CHARGES, LIQUIDATED DAMAGES AND COST OF FUND ETC.** UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE 2001, balance of principle and markup due to you ; you are therefore hereby summoned to obtain leave from the Court within 30 days from the service hereof to appear and defend the suit, and within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you. In default whereof the plaintiff will be entitled at any time after the expiration of such 30 days to obtain a decree for any sum not exceeding the sum of **RS 393,302.67** and sum of Rs.(Not Yet determined) for costs together with such markup and cost of fund, if any, from the date of institution of the suit as the Court may order.

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VERSUS

TANVEER AHMED S/O. MUHAMMAD YOUNUS,

Resident of house No. R-1760, sector-4 A, New Rasheedabad, North Karachi, Khawaja Ajmer Nagri, Karachi, Cell No.0317-1262724.....DEFENDANT

To, The above named Defendant

Whereas the Plaintiff above named has instituted a Suit against you under the Financial Institutions (Recovery of Finances) Ordinance 2001 **RS 177,665.24 UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE** 2001, balance of principle and markup due to you ; you are therefore hereby summoned to obtain leave from the Court within 30 days from the service hereof to appear and defend the suit, and within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you. In default whereof the plaintiff will be entitled at any time after the expiration of such 30 days to obtain a decree for any sum not exceeding the sum of **RS 177,665.24** and sum of Rs.(Not Yet determined) for costs together with such markup and cost of fund, if any, from the date of institution of the suit as the Court may order.

Leave to appear may be obtained on an application to the Court supported by affidavit or declaration showing that there is a defence to the suit on the merits, or that it is reasonable that you should be allowed to appear in the suit .

Matter is fixed on 17th day of January 2026 at 9:00 A.M before the Banking Court-III, Karachi, Given under my hand and seal of the court this 10th Day of NOVEMBER 2025.

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Versus

ABDUL SAJID S/O ABDUL WAHEED Resident Of House No. 922, Street No.2, Madina Masjid Street, Mondra Mohalla, Lyari Town, Bakra Piri, Mewa Shah Road, Karachi. **Also At Office Address;** Askari Bank Limited, IBB-Clifton Branch, Shop No. 13 & 14, Mehran Heights, Block-8, KDA Scheme 5, Clifton, Karachi.....**Defendants**

To, The above-named Defendant

Whereas the Plaintiff above named has instituted a Suit against you under the Financial Institutions (Recovery of Finances) Ordinance 2001 **RS 172,285.62 ALONG WITH COSTS, COST OF FUNDS FROM THE DATE OF DEFAULT TILL THE REALIZATION OF THE DECRETAL AMOUNT, FEE CHARGES AND EXPENSES ETC** UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION (RECOVERY OF FINANCES) ORDINANCE 2001. balance of principle and markup due to you; you are therefore hereby summoned to obtain leave from the Court within 30 days from the service hereof to appear and defend the suit, and within such time to cause an appearance to be entered for you. In default whereof the plaintiff will be entitled at any time after the expiration of such 30 days to obtain a decree for any sum not exceeding the sum of **RS 172,285.62** and sum of Rs. (Not Yet determined) for costs together with such markup and cast of fund, if any, from the date of institution of the suit as the Court may order.

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Matter Is fixed on 17 day of JANUARY 2026 at 9:00 a.m before the Banking Court-III ,KarachL Given under my hand and seal of the court this 10 Day of NOVEMBER 2025.

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READER,
BANKING COURT-III KARACHI

At the Pakistan Population Summit 2025

"With a palpable youth bulge, when human development in Pakistan is in crisis–the country may well be sleep-walking it's way towards disaster"
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THE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CRISIS AND THE YOUTH BULGE

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The sixth session of the Pakistan Population Summit 2025 will explore the political considerations that are essential for human development as the youth population keeps on rising. Raza Rabbani, Former Chairman of the Senate of Pakistan, will chair the session, examining the various stakeholders in helping to prevent this from becoming a full-blown national crisis.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Maleeha Lodhi, the Former Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations, will stress the need for a more robust and positive political dynamic and propose an action plan to support the development of skilled labor so that population growth benefits rather than hinders the nation's economic development.

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